

The survival of the Swedish welfare state, 2000-2025

□: Achievements and challenges



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【講義概要】 The lecture begins with a brief introduction to Scandinavian modern history and a review of the origins of the Swedish welfare state from the 1890s to the 1930s. It also demonstrates how the successful implementation of welfare reforms influenced the image of Sweden domestically and internationally.

The lecture then discusses the main question: how this welfare model has weathered the challenges of the first quarter of the twenty-first century. The onset of globalization and the dramatic political change taking place in Europe has fundamentally altered the international environment, and many have predicted the demise of the welfare state. It has been seen as an outdated phenomenon, unable to survive into tomorrow's world.

Yet the decision-makers in Sweden rather early realized the need for re-adjustment of previous policies. The lecture will show how difficult questions almost blocked the road. Some concerned the structure of the welfare system. Others concerned the role of the state and the individual citizen. There was also the issue of the steady influx of refugees and the rising resistance to immigration. The lecture shows the importance of political consensus, a key element in Scandinavian tradition, and argues that the prospects for a – reformed – welfare state are still reasonably good.

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